

Career training scholarships available through Hire A Hero program

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The non-profit Hire A Hero program is accepting applications to award 122 academic scholarships to the military community.

The scholarships are available to active and transitioning military personnel, members of the National Guard and Reserves, veterans and their Family members.

Lincoln Educational Services Corporation, the title sponsor of Hire a Hero, will provide training in degree and diploma programs in automotive technology, health sciences, skilled trades, business, information technology and hospitality services.

“Young veterans are almost three times more unemployed than their civilian counterparts,” said Dan Caulfield, Hire A Hero executive director.

Caulfield said that because service members primarily network with each other, they usually don’t come in contact with those who can help them in their civilian careers after the military.

“We want to provide our American heroes with a network of supporters who will help them find quality jobs and training opportunities,” he said.

“Although the military provides fabulous training and

skills, some service members need additional certifications or desire a different career path. With these scholarships, Lincoln will provide our military service members with more choices on how to transition smoothly back into civilian life.”

Three types of scholarships are available to those who qualify:

- **Hire A Hero Front Line Scholarship**

Eight scholarships are to be awarded to United States military service members serving overseas fighting the Global War on Terror. One hundred percent of tuition covered for each recipient to complete Associate of Applied Science Degrees in Criminal Justice or Allied Health. Courses will be completed online

- **Hire A Hero National Guard Scholarship**

Fifty-four scholarships will be awarded to members of the National Guard or their spouses. Up to \$10,000 will be given to each recipient to help cover tuition fees. Areas of study to choose from include automotive technology, health sciences, skilled trades, business, information technology, criminal justice and hospitality services.

- **Hire A Hero Military Community Scholarship**

Sixty scholarships will be awarded to honorably discharged veterans and their spouses. Two thousand dollars will be given to each recipient to help cover tuition fees. Areas of study to choose from include automotive technology, health sciences, skilled trades, business, information technology, criminal justice and hospitality services.

All American service members, veterans and spouses are encouraged to apply for the scholarships. The application process involves registering on the Hire A Hero Web site for free at www.hireahero.com and uploading a written essay or short video. All applications are due on or before Aug. 17, and winners will be announced in late August.

About the Armed Forces Support Foundation - Hire A Hero Program:

The Armed Forces Support Foundation was established in 1998 and is organized as a non-profit entity under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code. Through the foundation’s Hire A Hero program, active and transitioning military personnel, veterans, members of the National Guard and Reserves and their spouses have access to

a unique online community that helps them network into quality job opportunities and training. The Hire A Hero online community is powered by volunteers who have connections to jobs and training in their hometowns. Although AFSF was made a legislative priority by NGAUS and was officially noticed in Senate Bill S3833, the foundation relies on the generosity of the American people to support it. For more information, visit www.hireahero.com.

About Lincoln Educational Services Corporation

“Lincoln was founded in 1946 to provide vocational training to GIs returning home from WWII,” said Dave Carney, Lincoln CEO. “Lincoln continues its commitment to the military community and the Hire A Hero cause, with these scholarships.”

Lincoln is a leading and diversified for-profit provider of career-oriented post-secondary education. The company offers recent high school graduates and working adults degree and diploma programs in five principal areas of study: automotive technology, health sciences (which includes programs for licensed practical nursing, medical administrative

assistants, medical assistants, dental assistants, and pharmacy technicians), skilled trades, business and information technology and hospitality services.

Lincoln has provided the workforce with skilled technicians since its inception in 1946. It currently oper-

ates 37 campuses in 17 states under five brands: Lincoln College of Technology, Lincoln Technical Institute, Nashville Auto-Diesel College, Southwestern College and Euphoria. Lincoln had a combined average enrollment of approximately 18,100 students.

DoD announces ROTC Language, Culture Project

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The Department of Defense has announced the award of four grants totaling \$2 million to Indiana University, San Diego State University, the University of Mississippi and the University of Texas at Austin as part of the new Reserve Officer Training Corps Language and Culture Project.

“The department’s goal is to expose ROTC cadets and midshipmen to the study of languages and cultures of the world critical to national security,” said David S.C. Chu, under secretary of defense for Personnel and Readiness. “Through this innovative effort we hope ROTC cadets and midshipmen will have the opportunity to learn a foreign language which will prepare them for future duties as commissioned officers.”

As part of this project, Indiana University will offer scholarships for study at its prestigious summer institute in languages including: Arabic, Russian, Azeri, Kazakh, Pashto, Tajik, Turkmen, Uyghur and Uzbek.

San Diego State University plans to re-shape its military science minor while drawing on the resources of the community around it to teach different dialects of Arabic as well as Farsi and Russian. The University of Mississippi will offer opportunities for the study of Chinese including summers of study abroad. The University of Texas at Austin will invest in material and curriculum to expand its programs in Arabic and Farsi.

While the scope and approaches of the projects differ, additional components

include study abroad and scholarship opportunities, distance learning and other technology, and additional tutoring and mentoring.

The project’s aim is to increase cadet exposure to and study of critical languages as well as to enhance language proficiency and cultural awareness and expertise.

The ROTC project is overseen for DoD by the National Security Education Program, which has a distinguished track record in partnering with U.S. higher education to enhance opportunities for students to learn critical languages.

NSEP oversees the National Flagship Language Program and all participants in the ROTC effort will have access to curriculum and best practices from flagship universities.